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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

FROM : [REDACTED]
Chief, Coordination Staff/NFAC

SUBJECT : CIA Representation to National
Disclosure Policy Committee (NDPC)

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1. Your concurrence is requested in transfer of the responsibility for providing the DCI Special Member, National Disclosure Policy Committee (NDPC), from the Office of Security to the National Foreign Assessment Center. The proposed change, aimed at increasing the contribution of intelligence to foreign disclosure decisionmaking, is based on substantive, control, and coordination considerations.

2. NFAC's substantive responsibility in support of the DCI in his role as chief intelligence adviser to the President gives it a major stake in the work of the NDPC, because foreign disclosure is one of the principal methods for encouraging other countries to share information and to act in consonance with U.S. policy objectives.

3. The NDPC membership has indicated a desire for CIA's views on the substantive judgments reflected in their disclosure proposals. NFAC can readily provide officers who by training and experience are able to identify these judgments, sort out the disciplines to be tasked in CIA's review, and determine realistic deadlines.

4. NFAC, especially the Coordination Staff, is well-qualified to provide the DCI Special Member to the NDPC by virtue of its compartmentation control (as distinct from security) role in support of Deputy Director, NFAC, CIA's Senior Intelligence Officer. The CIA TCO, GCO and COMINT Control Officers of this staff in assisting the SIO occupy a unique vantage point from which to observe the uses to which the

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product of sensitive sources and methods is put worldwide. They can point out to CIA reviewers how a proposed disclosure complements or contradicts compartment-related foreign release.

5. It is noted that the NDPC periodically discusses a central role for itself in compartmentation. NFAC would discourage any such initiative, however well-intentioned, as an incursion into an area of responsibility presidentially mandated to the DCI.

6. NFAC is involved continuously in coordination with the Operations and S&T Directorates on collection guidance and evaluation, in operational support and in intelligence exchange, and with the Special Security Center on compartmentation. This extensive, multifaceted substantive contact with other Agency components keeps it abreast of their interests and capabilities with respect to proposals pertaining to foreign disclosure.

7. In view of these considerations, we believe that NFAC is best placed functionally and organizationally to estimate the impact of NDPC initiatives on DCI and CIA resources and to coordinate a response reflecting the diverse responsibilities with which each has been entrusted. At the same time, the Office of Security must continue to play a role to deal with security questions that arise, particularly in NDPC security inspections.

8. With your concurrence, I will prepare for coordination at directorate level a memorandum from Deputy Director, NFAC, to the DCI, recommending that

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NFAC provide the DCI Special Member, NDPC, and
OS, the Alternate DCI Special Member.


Chief, NFAC Coordination Staff

* CONCUR:


Robert W. Gambino
Director of Security

19 May 78
Date

*On the understanding that NFAC provide not only the DCI
Special Member, NDPC, but also the Alternate Member.

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